



NEWSLETTER

Superintendent's Report

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CHECK OUT OUR NEW CRAFT BEER



SELECTIONS

IMPORTANT:
*PROXIES HAVE BEEN
MAILED TO "A"
SHAREHOLDERS.*

*PLEASE MAIL THEM
BACK IN AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE. THANK
YOU.*

Board of Directors

The start of another golf season is here. This year we have a number of projects on the agenda. The first project will be coring the greens in April. I will make sure to post my intended dates for coring as soon as is practical. The next project will involve some much needed maintenance on the black tee boxes. I will be putting new turf down on the existing black tees and building new tee boxes for holes two and nine. I plan to begin focusing on the quality and consistency of our fairways this year. Seeding Bermuda grass or Zoysia in one of our fairways as a "test fairway" is expected to occur in the near future. With the cooperation of the weather, I plan to maintain the creek and pond by better controlling the weeds and algae. There are also many smaller projects that will add to the overall look and "feel" of the golf course. Some of these would include widening of some fairway approaches and maybe more tall grass in certain areas that incur minimal traffic.

This year I plan on giving additional attention to the areas surrounding the greens. Currently, our finish mower has only 3 decks and limited dexterity and flexibility when it comes to mowing the contours surrounding the greens. As a result, you have probably notice that the grass surrounding the greens is cut slightly taller or even slightly shorter than the desirable length. The old one we have now is simply not designed to accommodate for the contours. It is heavy in weight and only has 3 fixed-decks. This is why we would have to do that job with the smaller single-deck

mower, which is still a challenge and has to be done very carefully. The single-deck mower which is used frequently and nearing retirement would no longer be needed for that job. The club is in the process of trying to purchase a better finish mower for cutting this area and other rough areas. The newer finishing mowers are lighter in weight and have 7 swiveling decks for cutting. This will achieve a more consistent height of cut for the roughs. With this new finish mower we can cut the rough around the green right up to the collar. The new mowers width of cut and ease of which this job can be accomplished will enable us to mow around the greens twice a week verses once a week. A new mower would save us time, man hours, fuel cost, and hours on the single-deck mower. As a result, there will be better playing conditions for the golfer. The changes we've made in the past year such as reshaping fairways and adding tall grass seem like just aesthetics but a lot of those changes have helped cut our golf course operating expenses. Because of these changes we have saved on labor expense, equipment hours, fuel cost, fertilizer and pesticide usage.

I will always continue to try to improve on turf conditions and playability of the golf course. I appreciate the opportunity to do so. Here is hoping this year is full of accomplished projects and rain when we need it. Have a great season of golfing at Spring Creek Golf Club.

Thank You,

Bradley Blackwell.
Course Superintendent





SPECIAL SECTION: AUGUSTA FUN FACTS: THE MASTERS GOLF TOURNAMENT..APRIL 6TH – 12TH

For many golfers and golf enthusiast, the most prestigious, perhaps even sacred event of the golf season happens this week. **The Masters Golf Tournament** will begin April 6-12th in Augusta, Georgia. It's the Kentucky Derby for horse racing enthusiast, the Daytona 500 for race fans. For golf fans, the grounds at Augusta National are what some would describe as "sacred". For the non-golf fan, you will not be able to explain in words the mystique that surrounds Augusta and the Masters. Why the sound of Jim Nantz's voice and just the right music and video clips bring back memories that will bring a sentimental tear to the eyes. Yep, this type of passion is indescribable. You will have to search long and hard to find another sporting event in the world ran with such precision and professionalism. To give you an example,..the food wrappers are colored like green grass so in case you drop one, it will blend in so you don't see it on television. Yeah, and that's just a tiny crumb of what goes into this golf tournament. Who will be sitting in Butler cabin trying on a Green Jacket this year? We will find out Sunday! By Dave Dittman

Each Hole at Augusta has a name....



- 1 Tea Olive
- 2 Pink Dogwood
- 3 Flowering Peach
- 4 Flowering Crab Apple
- 5 Magnolia
- 6 Juniper
- 7 Pampas
- 8 Yellow Jasmine
- 9 Carolina Cherry
- 10 Camelia
- 11 White Dogwood
- 12 Golden Bell
- 13 Azalea
- 14 Chinese Fir
- 15 Firethorn
- 16 Redbud
- 17 Nandina
- 18 Holly

Multiple Winners at Augusta



#	Name
6	Jack Nicklaus
4	Arnold Palmer
4	Tiger Woods
3	Jimmy Demaret
3	Phil Mickelson
3	Gary Player
3	Nick Faldo
3	Sam Snead
2	Horton Smith
2	Byron Nelson
2	Ben Hogan
2	Tom Watson
2	Seve Ballesteros
2	Bernhard Langer
2	Ben Crenshaw
2	Jose Maria Olazabel
2	Bubba Watson



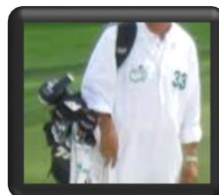
The above image shows two famous Augusta landmarks. Hogan's Bridge over Rae's Creek. Hogan's bridge connects hole number twelve (12) to its green. It was dedicated to Ben Hogan in 1958 to commemorate his 72 hole score of 274 five years earlier, the course record at the time. Rae's Creek was named after former property owner, John Rae who died in 1789.

Purse Comparisons

Year	Winner Rec.
1934	\$ 1,500
1990	\$ 225,000
2014	\$1,620,000

Length of Course

1940	6,800 Yards
2010	7,435 Yards



Caddies at Augusta must wear the iconic white jumpsuit.

Fun fact: The Champion at the Masters not only gets a life exemption and a permanent space in the closet for their green jacket, they also are in charge of the menu for the next year's Champions Dinner.

Amen corner consist of holes 11, 12 and 13. It was given the name by Herbert Warren Wind in April 1958 in a Sports Illustrated article.

Augusta National was founded by Bobby Jones and Cliff Roberts and designed by Jones and Alister MacKenzie. It opened in 1933 and the first "Masters" tourney was in 1934. It is the only major to be played on the same course each year.



TIGER GOLF GEARS UP FOR 2015 SEASON

Submitted by Coach Phil McClintock

The Salem golf team returns its top two golfers as the Tigers look to have their best season under Coach Phil McClintock.

"This team has a chance to be the best at Salem since I have been here," McClintock said.

Last year Senior Zach Elliott shot a 92 at the Cabool Invitational and won a 10th place medal. Senior Hayden Major shot a 96 at the 2014 Salem Invitational and also won a 10th place medal. In the SCA Tournament last year, Major additionally earned an All-SCA Honorable Mention for shooting a 91.

Both Elliott and Major finished one stroke away from advancing out of the district golf tournament

last season shooting 97s. Both are looking to advance this year.

Junior Colton Fry also looks to continue his solid play into this season.

"Zach, Hayden, and Colton have the chance to medal at every tournament we play in this year," McClintock said. "If those three play well, and we have a few others step up, we will be very solid."



Senior Jake Smallwood looks to contribute on the varsity team this year, filling the fourth

spot. The fifth spot will be up for grabs as freshman Keion Owen, junior Alex Major, junior Brooke Rogers, and junior Logan Gambill all will compete for that spot.

Other members of the team will be Mitchell Campbell, Makenna Farrar, Carson Mowrey, Alex Harris, Mike Cramer, Matt Russell, Jared Wilson and Keoni Wilson.

"Many of our players have worked hard this summer to improve. I'm looking forward to seeing that hard work pay off this season," McClintock said.

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MIXED LEAGUE IS ALMOST HERE !

Don't miss out on one of the largest and most successful leagues at Spring Creek Golf Club. Scramble format mixed league.

Begins Thursday May 7th. Play is 14 weeks which would end on August 6th

Start time is 5:30

Bring Your Partner and Tee it up!

PUBLIC HOUSE BREWING CO. VISITS SPRING CREEK GOLF CLUB...

On Saturday, March 28th, Josh Goodridge of Public House Brewing Company of Rolla and St. James came to Spring Creek Golf Club and treated the crowd to a beer tasting featuring their very own craft beers. The night was very fun and informative. Josh discussed the history of how the company was founded and the differences and brewing processes that go into making various beers. It was very educational. The beers sampled were: Rod's Cream Ale, Hide and Seek Hefeweizen, Elusive IPA and Revelation Stout. Josh told the audience of the plans to expand the menu at both locations. He teased us with some facts but wouldn't give away all the secrets of what's ahead. A special thanks to S.N. Ball for organizing and bringing the event to Spring Creek Golf Club.



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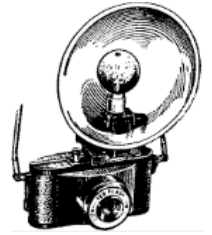
1. REPAIR YOUR BALL MARKS ON THE GREEN. THIS HELPS THE GREEN HEAL MUCH FASTER AND LEAVES A SMOOTH PUTTING SURFACE FOR THE GOLFER'S BEHIND YOU.



2. RAKE THE TRAP WHEN YOU ARE FINISHED WITH YOUR SHOT.



REMEMBER WHEN PHOTO...



Check out the beautiful ladies on the left...

Standing from left to right: Josalee Allen, Betty Dodds, Maxine Kurtright, and Bobbie Pines.

Sitting from left to right: Georgia Wisdom, Dot Nash, Maxine Steelman and Mildred Hughes.

MEMBERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT



WHAT A CATCH !

Olivia Wisdom shows off her very nice stringer of trout caught last month. Way to go Olivia! She will be offering fishing lessons to the adults this summer in her spare time. Better sign up quick. Classes are filling up fast.



Olivia is the Daughter of Bryan and Melanie Wisdom of Salem. Olivia attends school at Salem R-80.

CONGRATULATIONS GARY CUBBAGE

FOR RECEIVING SPECIAL RECOGNITION FROM THE GRAND MASONIC LODGE OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI AND A MEMBERSHIP PIN FROM SALEM LODGE #225 FOR 50 YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP.

FIRST TOURNAMENT OF THE YEAR IS AROUND THE CORNER....

THREE PERSON SCRAMBLE

MAY 16TH & 17TH

If you have a pic, a story, or would like to recognize someone for a special event, wedding anniversary or birthday, please send to: dsmd1995@gmail.com. David Dittman